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My Telegrams 315 and 318 from Dhahran.

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Following highlights my audience January 3 with King Saud:

(1) After discussing with King arrangements and schedule his visit to United States I outlined for him substance Department circular telegram 426. On economic interdependence His Majesty queried whether Britain and France included in concept and said: "Remember as far as ME relations with west concerned, economic confidence cannot be built up without political confidence". On Palestine King said: "I wish assure you we carefully studying Palestine question and will not oppose constructive action solve problem soon as it clear proper time has come".

(2) Arab relations with Britain and France.

(3) Baghdad Pact.

His Majesty
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His Majesty said: "I am convinced...aim of US is to oppose Communism...you have my support and can be sure I will always work against Communism.."

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"Chief aim my policy is to see that peace, security, and stability applied to whole world and especially to ME...I try keep balance among interests of Arabs. They ask my views because they know I am sincere in keeping my word and not interfering in their affairs...of course some Arab states following policies which I do not consider in their best interests, because now forced to..."

"Any pact or bloc in this area, unless supported by SA, will not succeed, and I will never join anything I think will cause harm to Arabs or bring destruction their homes".

(S) Defense of SA.

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